

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PECETVED . TECHCENTER 15003 1632

Application of: Friedrich et al.

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Examiner:

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MAMMALIAN CELLS AND ANIMALS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2003 (Paper No. 8) which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Applicants entry of the following amendment and respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the issues and rejections in Paper No. 8 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

For the Examiner's convenience a marked-up version of the pending claims is attached as Exhibit A, and a clean version of the pending claims is provided as Exhibit B.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including July 25, 2003 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

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